

Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Saturday,

December 26, 2015

Next Meeting

December 14, 2015

Presidential

Banquet Center

4572 Presidential Way

(directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS

REQUIRED

Meal Price - \$15.00

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)

667-9392 or [toflyfish@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfish@woh.rr.com) by

Thursday, December 10th.

## December 14th

### Annual MVFF

### Awards Banquet

An annual tradition, the MVFF Awards Banquet is a time to meet and greet friends, share a good meal and recognize members' contributions and accomplishments.

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating many of those who made significant contributions to the club this past year.

Make your reservation now!

(Please note that we will be meeting in the Presidential Banquet Center (the larger building to the left of our regular meeting site).



### President's Thoughts

Hello friends,

If you attended the November meeting then you know we will have a new vice-president and treasurer for 2016. Congratulations to Kelly Kingery and Bill Grimpe. Bill has graciously accepted the position of club treasurer. This is a vital yet thankless job with many responsibilities. Thank you so much Bill!

I must air some laundry concerning the position of club vice-president. I approached Kelly some months ago about considering an officer position with the club. I thought long and hard about who I had been able to reach out to throughout the year and who had stepped up for all the (non-sexy) jobs that needed to be done. Kelly was that person hands down. She was initially reluctant, but took a long hard look at the needs of the club and stepped up yet again. Thank you so much Kelly!

I am so pleased with all of our accomplishments in 2015, this, the 40th year anniversary of MVFF.

- We greatly increased our membership.
- We increased our club monetary assets.
- We increased the club outreach involving Project Healing Waters.

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- We increased attendance at club meetings.
- We increased our participation in fly fishing related events and programs throughout the community.
- We encouraged new and more passive members to participate and get involved in club business and outings.

When I became club president, my goal was to promote the club in every way possible, encourage all people with a thirst to learn and share while facilitating outreach and inspiration. I wanted to share what I see. I wanted everyone to see your club through my eyes. I feel like we were able to accomplish everything on the list.

As you know, I respectfully accepted a second term as your club president. Thank you club and executive board for the continued opportunity to serve. I look forward to working with Phil, Bill, Kelly and everyone in 2016.

A few of you have asked me why I wanted to serve a second term. (You shall remain anonymous)

The answer is so easy. I love the people of this club, the club itself and learning about our sport.

The people who make up our club are some of the most interesting, intelligent, best and nicest people I have ever met. We come from ALL WALKS OF LIFE and somehow all of our walls and the BS in our outside lives become lost with our love, our obsession, our need to fly fish.

For me, every event, every meeting, every outing is like going to church. I still pinch myself when I get to shake hands and talk with greats like Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser and Tom Rosenbauer.

Last week, my wife Karen, and I along with Kelly Kingery were able to attend a fly tying seminar with Greg Senyo and April Vokey. As you may remember, Greg was a club guest speaker not long ago. His steelhead flies are nothing short of incredible. April Vokey.... WOW. If you have read or even seen a fly fishing magazine or watched television in the last 5 years, then you have seen April. From an all-inclusive aspect, she may very well be the best our sport has to offer. I will tell you much more about April at our December meeting. Needless to say, we had a fantastic time.....

Why would I accept a second term? The real question was "How do I not?"

I look forward to the 2016 year and serving as your president.

Merry Christmas,

See you in December.

Nathan A. Via

## RESULTS OF THE 2016 MVFF ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of MVFF officers for 2016 was conducted at the regular November club meeting per our by-laws. Results follow:

**PRESIDENT:** Nate Via will continue as president for 2016 by acclamation of the members present. This procedure was necessary rather than normal voting because of the non-availability of the elected MVFF Vice President to assume the office of President.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kelly Kingery will serve as MVFF Vice President for 2016 and become MVFF President for 2017 per club by-laws.

**TREASURER:** Bill Grimpe was elected as MVFF Treasurer and will serve in that office for the two year term 2016 and 2017.

**SECRETARY:** Phil Clay will complete the second of the two year term as MVFF Secretary.

Phil Clay  
MVFF Secretary

## 2016 Dues

Yes it is that time already. The membership fee remains unchanged at \$35.00. Membership dues comprise 50% of our annual budget. Our club depends upon support such as yours in order to:

- Provide quality speakers at our indoor meetings
- Offer our outstanding Fly Tying Classes
- Participate in community projects (such as PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

If you have already renewed your membership for 2016 - thank you! If you have not, please bring your membership dues with you to the December meeting.

The club is counting on you!

## December Fly of the Month



### GREY BOY SPANFLEX BUZZER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

#### Recipe

Hook..... Curved Caddis, size 10 -12

Thread..... Black or desired body color, 6/0 or 8/0

Body..... Thread

Rib..... White Spanflex

Cheeks..... Orange Spanflex

Flashback.... Mylar tinsel, color of choice

Thorax..... Thread

Head..... Thread

1. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to slightly in front of the hook point. Remove the thread tag and let the thread hang.

2. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of white spanflex and tie it in by one end where you left the thread, then, keeping it on top of the hook shank, wrap over it with tight thread wraps to about halfway down the hook bend. Now wrap the thread in tight wraps back to where you tied in the spanflex forming the abdomen. (You want to have a slight taper in the abdomen.) The length of the spanflex should go out over the hook bend.

3. Now grasp the spanflex and, stretching it slightly, palmer it in evenly spaced turns over the abdomen back up the hook shank to a point about 1-2 hook eye lengths in front of the hook point and tie it off. Wrap over the spanflex butt with touching turns to slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess spanflex. The thread should now be behind the hook eye.

4. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of orange spanflex to use for cheeks. Tie it in by its middle under the hook shank right behind the hook, then pull both ends together back toward the hook bend and bind them down under the hook shank with tight touching turns back to the front of the abdomen. You should now have two tag ends hanging together under the hook shank in front of the abdomen.

5. Now use thread to build up a thorax between the hook eye and the front of the abdomen that is thicker than the abdomen. End with the thread in front of the abdomen and let it hang.

6. Cut a 2"-3" piece of mylar tinsel and tie it in by one end at the front of the abdomen on top of the hook shank. The length of the tinsel should extend back toward the hook bend. Wrap the thread in tight touching turns back to behind the hook eye and let it hang.

7. Grasp the orange spanflex tags and pull them (one on each side) up the thorax to the top of the hook shank to right behind the hook eye and tie them off tightly. They should come together right behind the hook eye on top of the hook shank. Be sure to stretch the spanflex, but not too tightly. (Looking at the thorax from the bottom, you should see a "V".) Trim off the excess spanflex.

8. Now pull the mylar tinsel over the top of the thorax and tie it off right behind the hook eye. Remove any excess tinsel.

9. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.

10. Coat the entire fly with a light coat of nail polish and/or UV resin. Pay special attention to cover the top and bottom of the thorax.

### MVFF CALENDAR

Dec 14	MVFF Indoor Meeting (Reservations are Required - see Page 1 for details)
Dec 24	Deadline for Articles for the January Issue of Tightlines
Jan 5	Beginner's Fly Tying Class begins
Jan 7	Intermediate Fly Tying Class begins
Feb 13	Rod Building Classes begin

Also, be sure to put the B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on your calendar - Feb 6th

### Quote of the Month

*. . . you must endure worse luck sometime, or you will never make a good angler.*

Izaak Walton  
*The Compleat Angler* (1653)

## PHWFF 2015 in Review

The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program was highly successful and rewarding to all involved this past year.

Beginning in April MVFF members worked with vets at the Dayton VA Medical Center, both those who were inpatients as well as outpatients. We started with instruction in fly tying, guided by our in-house expert Woody Woodward, and MVFF members working individually with the participants. That was followed by a session of knot tying followed by some indoor casting demonstration by Bill Bennett. After that it was outside for some real hands-on casting instruction on the lawn. Then the group took to the water! The first outing was at a pond on the Dayton VA grounds.

Throughout the summer months there were additional outings, including Spring Run Farm (twice), Mertensia Springs Trout Club, the private ponds owned by Tridec Technologies, Rainbow Lakes, Silver Lake, Castalia Trout Club and Zainsfield. The outings were well attended with most of the food supplied by the club.

Karla Riste, a USAF veteran who works in the Occupational Therapy Department of the Dayton VA, was instrumental in getting the program started in this area. She heard about the national PHWFF and decided it was something that would be valuable for the vets she works with. One of her first steps was to contact MVFF's Dave Oertel and that got things rolling! Dave enthusiastically undertook the club's involvement in this project. "It's been an excellent program. The participants get socialization and camaraderie that they miss from being in the military There is no replacement for that", she says. "They are able to make some bonds that help them to reintegrate into society. They have something as a recreational activity and it helps keep their minds off perhaps bigger problems in their life right now", she adds. "In occupational therapy we focus on getting people back to



their lives and to the things they miss. This project ties in so well with our objectives. And there is nothing like seeing their wide-opened eyes when they catch their first fish."

The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing national office provided essential support to MVFF's local effort. A Tenkara rod, leaders, tippet material, replacement reels, instructional books, new fly rods, hats, rod and reel carriers, a vinyl banner, and rods with extended warranties to sell to the vets were among the items and support they provided.

This year's program involved a lot of work and dedication. Many thanks to the MVFF members who volunteered, the VA staff, and especially to Bill Grimpe who coordinated the program and made it so successful.

We're looking forward to 2016, kicking off with rod building with the vets. More will be reported on this so stay tuned!



Photos from the outing at Mertensia Springs Trout Club. Thanks to Sam Brown, MVFF member, for hosting this event.



## ROD BUILDING CLASSES

This long-running class (since 1981) is officially ready for sign-ups!

**When:** Rod building classes will begin Saturday February 13 and continue for about 4 weeks total.

The morning class (5 new students only) is from 10:00 a.m. - Noon (see note at bottom of page). The afternoon class (5 old grads only) is from 1-3:00 p.m.

**Where:** At my shop (165 Miami Dr.) in Yellow Springs.

**How to enroll:** If you're at all serious about securing a position in these classes send a deposit of \$100.00 immediately! It's a first come, first served basis. Don't wait a month and then find out we're filled up. A phone call or e-mail (see below) will buy you one week to get your deposit in. You're not in until you've paid!

**Total cost?:** The course fee is \$10.00 – covers thread, glues, and finishes, etc. (no tattoos!).

Rod parts (reel seat & insert, cork rings, & guides) run about \$50. This is using the lower end of the best components – we don't tolerate junk! Of course you can crank this figure up with nickel-silver seats, burlwood inserts, tic guides, etc.

I offer St. Croix, Pac/Bay, & Temple Fork blanks. These blanks can run from \$80 to \$400. Rod bags & cases of various types are also on hand.

**What else?:** If you've got questions, need advice on choosing what's best for you, or whatever, give me a call. Answers are generally free (correct answers are .05 ea.). You're welcome to test cast my personal rods.

This year I will be assisted by the legendary Ray Lee & the talented Joe Nagel. They serve as both my eyes & brain - what could be better!

Rod wrapping jigs are also available as well as the turning motors for curing finishes. A modest rental fee is charged.

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**Note:** first class for beginners starts at 9:30, remaining sessions start at 10:00 a.m.



## Fly Tying Classes

It's now time to sign up for the 2016 Beginner's and Intermediate Fly Tying Classes. These classes are free to members as a part of the many benefits of MVFF membership.

The Beginner's class will be on Tuesdays starting on January 5, 2016. The Intermediate/Advanced class will be on Thursdays starting on January 7, 2016. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks. Classes will be held at The Lodge at the Huber Heights Gander Mountain starting at 6:00 pm. The dates are on the Calendar page of the website.

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$70.00 for the newer kits and \$35.00 for the older kits. The rental fee is returned to you at the last session, provided all tools and storage devices are returned in good working order. If you desire to purchase a tool kit, one option for you would be to go to Fisherman's Headquarters in Dayton where you can receive a discount for being a MVFF member. You may also purchase kits on-line or from other fly shops.

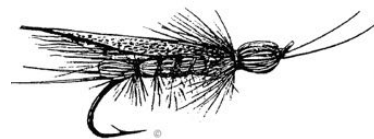
It is easy to sign up and registration for both classes is now underway. You may register via email or telephone by contacting any of the following persons or by signing up at the December MVFF meeting:

- Richard Quigley at 937-298-9614 or by e-mail at [quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net)
- "Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or 937-222-2224 (work)

Class sign-up information needed is as follows: Name, email and home address, phone number - home and either work or cell phone, and a request to rent a tool kit if you need one.

Last year we had excellent attendance at both classes - so the earlier you register the better your chance of being in the class. This also helps us plan for materials and our budget request to the MVFF Board for the classes.

You may attend either or both classes; however, if there is space needed in the Beginner's class (and you have previously taken that class), then you will be asked to take the Intermediate/Advanced class in order to make room for new students. For new students: it is best if you can make all classes, (but is not required) as you will learn new techniques each week that help to build your skills. We will also be incorporating some new flies and techniques in both classes that all members should find helpful.





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